

# Yawa language

**Yawa** (Yava) is the Papuan language of central Yapen Island in Geelvink (Cenderawasih) Bay, Indonesia. Alternative names are Iau (not the same as Iau language), Mantembu, Mora, Turu, and Yapanani.

## Phonology

Consonants:<sup>[3]</sup>

p	t		k
b	d	ɟ	
s		ʃ	
m	n	ɲ	
	r		
w		j	

Vowels:<sup>[3]</sup>

i	u
e	o
a	

Yawa	
<b>Native to</b>	Indonesia
<b>Region</b>	Cenderawasih Bay
<b>Native speakers</b>	10,000 (2011) <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Language family</b>	West Papuan ? <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Yawan<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Yawa</b></li></ul></li></ul>
Language codes	
<b>ISO 639-3</b>	yva
<b>Glottolog</b>	nucl1454 ( <a href="http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/nucl1454">http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/nucl1454</a> ) <sup>[2]</sup>

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